

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M., Monday, December 10, 2007
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** – Serving as Chair, Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Lawrence deSantis
Don Barnett
David Hoag (for Corinne Winter)
Yolanda Reynolds
Marylou Avanzino
Lane Parker
Deb Lefferts (for Charlie Payne)

Absent

Bob Halem
Jill Escher
Jim Bell
Luis Mendez

Council Liaison

Councilmember Oliverio

Staff

John Brazil, DOT

Guests

Richard Silva

2. **Approve Order of Business** – Approved.
3. **Oral Petitions** – None.
4. **Approve Minutes of November 19, 2007** – Avanzino moved approval, Parker seconded. Members noted three typographical errors including an incorrect vote count in item 4 (should be 8-0-0). The motion passed 7-0-0.
5. **New Business**
- a. City Street Tree Policies (tentative)** – Mr. Brazil asked Committee members for clarification on what information they are requesting. Members said they sought information on tree types used, tree placement criteria, tree maintenance standards, tree funding sources, and standards protecting pedestrian ways. Mr. Brazil will identify appropriate City staff and request a report to the Committee.
- b. Officer Elections & VTA BPAC Representative** – Mr. Brazil reminded the members that Committee officer elections occur at the beginning of each calendar year. So that members could consider appropriate candidates, Officer Elections was deferred to the January 2008 meeting. Lane Parker said we would be willing to serve as the City of San José

BPAC representative on VTA BPAC through June 2008. The Committee accepted his offer.

6. Old Business

a. Ped & ADA Master Plan Update – Mr. Brazil reported on progress of this project and noted the committee will receive its third and final report from the consultant team in early 2008.

b. Crosstown Signed Bikeway Pilot Project – Mr. Brazil reported that this project will be implemented this Fiscal Year. Member Parker suggested a ribbon cutting event once the project is complete. Mr. Brazil agreed to look into a ribbon cutting event.

c. Wrong-Way Signage Pilot Project – Mr. Brazil asked BPAC members for any suggestions for a bike lane corridor to implement this pilot project. The project's goal is to determine whether "Wrong Way" signs will reduce the number of bicyclists riding the wrong way (i.e. against traffic) on-street. The Bike/Ped Program would like to reduce wrong way bicycling because it's a leading factor in bicycle collisions. Mr. Brazil said the current schedule calls for project completion this Fiscal Year.

d. Bike Lane Projects – Mr. Brazil reported that the Bike/Ped Program is considering the installation of bike lanes on segments of the following streets: Aborn, Cunningham, Hostetter, Morrill, Nieman, Ruby, Sierra, and Technology. The program has resources to implement three to four of these projects. He asked BPAC members if they had any preferences. Members expressed interest in each project, and no preferences were stated.

e. Mineta San José International Airport – Mr. Brazil reported that Airport staff will be contacting him to schedule a report to BPAC in the next few months. Committee members requested a copy of the letter sent from BPAC Chair to the Airport Director.

f. Traffic Calming Policy – Mr. Brazil reported that, in response to BPAC's request, the Traffic Calming Program will be providing BPAC a report in either January or February of 2008. Mr. Brazil also agreed to email BPAC members a link to the City of San José's Traffic Calming Program.

7. Staff Report

– Mr. Brazil provided an overview of the recently completed two-year state legislative session. He summarized the status of several bicycle or pedestrian related bills including the following three bills signed by the Governor: AB 478 (Wolk) Bike lights required on trails at night; AB 1581 (Fuller) Bike-friendly signal detection required at all new or upgraded traffic signals; and AB 57 (Soto) Safe Routes to School grant program sunset eliminated.

Mr. Brazil also reported: (1) The Amgen Tour of California (ATOC) will return to San José in 2008 with a Stage 3 finish in downtown San José on February 20, 2008; (2) related to ATOC, San José will once again host a King of the Mountain public bike ride up Sierra Road on February 16, 2007 with proceeds benefiting charity; (3) On May 17-18, 2008, the City of San José will host the inaugural San Jose Cycling Classic, a weekend of bicycling races and events including a criterium race and century ride; (4) Bike to Work Day will be held on

Thursday, May 15, 2008; and (5) the Bike/Ped Program will be hiring a part-time intern to conduct field analysis and identify feasible sites to install public bike racks.

8. **Committee Member Comments** – David Hoag shared the following information: (1) the Almaden Cycle Touring Club is interested in adopting a trail in San Jose, contacted city staff but did not receive a reply; (2) westbound Tully at 101 bike lanes were restriped incorrectly; and (3) San Jose Airport area needs improvement for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Member Avanzino asked about changes to westbound Blossom Hill at Almaden Road. Apparently double right turn lanes were added, which are difficult for bicyclists going straight to negotiate.

Mr. Parker request city staff contact information for the 2008 inaugural San Jose Cycling Classic.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6pm, January 14, 2008.

9. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7.40 PM.